

where I trust to have the pleasure of
seeing you later in the year.

Such is the rough sketch of my
proposed tour - & I shall be exceedingly
obliged to you to make ^{such} suggestions as
may enable me to fill up the details,
& to turn my tour generally to the best
possible account - May I ask you to
make ^{some} such suggestions? & to begin by
assuming me to be ignorant of everything
but the names of the larger towns, &
by feeling sure that every object outside
them, which may be worthy of note, is
at all events very imperfectly known to
me.?

I leave this about the end of this
week - & Washington about the end of
next week - enquiring always at the
Post Offices of the large towns - so that
a line will reach me anywhere.

Excuse me for thus troubling you
& believe me
Yours Sincerely
Joseph Burnley Humel.

New York - 12th. April 1853.

My dear Sir, If so you will
suffer yourself to be styled by one,
who yet has to make your
personal acquaintance, I had hoped
to have the opportunity of running
up to Boston to deliver to you
personally the letter enclosed, & to
consult you on what my friend,
Mr. Carey assured me you were,
not only eminently able, but would
also be willing, to assist me ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{my} ~~my~~
the details of my route - but
finding that I am already rather
too late in the season for the
tour which I propose Southward,
& fearing that I should ^{not} be able
so soon to get away from your
Northern Athens, I am reluctantly

compelled to abandon my Boston trip, &
to request the pleasure of your society
& assistance in an epistolary form -

I go hence, by Philadelphia, Baltimore,
Washington & Charleston to Savannah - by
Montgomery & Mobile to New Orleans - &
by Baton Rouge, Natchez &c. to St. Louis.
From this point I would willingly (if
possible) ascend the Missouri, by Independence
& Council Bluffs, for the purpose of seeing
a real prairie & buffalo hunt - &
return by Iowa to the Mississippi, which
I propose to track up to St. Paul's &
the falls of St. Anthony. Hence, if
practicable, I shall pass to the Pictured
Rocks on Lake Superior, Lake Winnebago,
Milwaukee & Chicago - & thence go
by Detroit, St. Clair & the Northern
shores of Lake Erie to Niagara - for
my first view of that marvel of nature.

From Niagara I propose to turn
on my heel, up Lake Erie, to Cleveland,

& thence by Columbus, Cincinnati,
Louisville, Frankfort (the Mammoth
Cave) & probably Nashville & Knoxville,
to those more picturesque parts of the
Alleghanies, on the confines of the
Carolinas & Tennessee, of which I have
heard so much from my friend Mr.
Cary - & of whose best features I hope
to be informed by yourself - being well
acquainted with Alps, Pyrenees &c. as well
as with all our British fells & hills, &
trusting to know something ere long of
your Alleghanies - After which I return
by the Valley of Virginia, Natural Bridge,
Caves & Sprung to the mining districts
of Maryland & Pennsylvania to New
York - whence again, if time allows,
I propose another tour by Niagara,
the St. Lawrence, Quebec, the Champlain,
White Mountains, Maine forests &c. &c.
to the New England States & Boston,